

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SINGLE-SIGN-ON ACCESS TO A RESOURCE VIA A
PORTAL SERVER

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

5 A single-sign-on adapter (SSO Adapter) implementing one or
more authentication mechanisms that may be used by Portal
middleware on behalf of a portal user. A user seeking access to
a resource server through a portal server performs a single
10 sign-on with the portal server at the beginning of a session.

When requests a resource from resource server that requires
authentication, the authentication is handled by the portal
server without requiring an authentication response from the
user. The portal server may use stored user credentials, a
15 token-based shared authentication service, or proxy
authentication in order to gain access to the resource server on
behalf of the portal user.